Conversion of tribals

1634. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that *adivasis* (tribals) are being converted into Christianity in various parts of the country by offering monetary and other benefits and facilities; and

(b) if so, what action Government would take to check this anti-national and unwarranted happenings creating social and community-wise imbalances in the country thereby creating social tensions and other problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been reports from time to time regarding allegations that *adivasis* (tribals) are being converted into Christianity in various parts of the country by offering inducements.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/ UT Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violations come to notice.

Some State Governments have enacted laws providing for prohibition of conversion from one religious faith to any other religious faith by use of force or inducement or by fraudulent means etc.

Receiving of hospitality/honorarium from foreign Government/agency

1635. SHRI A. VAJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Secretaries to Government of India from scientific department used to submit request for clearance for receiving hospitality/honorarium from foreign Government/agency during their visit abroad on personal ground;